

## Message Text

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FM USINT CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2756

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 0815

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, EG

SUBJ: DIRECTOR OF ARAB INFORMATION CENTER IN  
WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 49758

1. I CONVEYED CONTENTS STATE REFTEL TO MOHAMED RIAD MARCH 17; HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL MOHMOUD RIAD AND BE IN TOUCH.
  2. MEANWHILE, CAIRO PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAVE THE STORY THAT A MAJOR HITCH HAS DEVELOPED IN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED ASSIGNMENT OF MOHAMED AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE IN WASHINGTON. IN PRESENT OVERALL CONTEXT, THIS COULD LEAD QUICKLY TO INFERENCE OF ANTI-ARAB POSITION. NOT HAVING HEARD FURTHER FROM MOHAMED, WE ARE TELLING OUR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES THE HISTORY OF THE MATTER AND ARE REPLYING TO PRESS QUESTIONS THAT, AS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO MOHAMED RIAD, USG DOES NOT GRANT DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; QUESTION IS THEREFORE NOT A PERSONAL QUESTION BUT ONLY ONE OF STATUS.
  3. IN HOPES OF AVOIDING EXACERBATING THIS MATTER IN PUBLIC PRINTS, URGENTLY SUGGEST DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN NOT GET INVOLVED IN ARGUMENTATION ABOUT ACCEPTABILITY
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OF ARAB LEAGUE OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE. FOR ONE  
THING, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER ARAB LEAGUE MAY DECIDE  
TO WASH THE WHOLE BUSINESS OUT, OR TO SEND MOHAMED AS  
NON- DIPLOMATIC DIRECTOR OF ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE,  
REGISTERED WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.  
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